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- 1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF PO/75/99 ENTITLED "NOTIFICATION AND PRESS POLICY CONCERNING THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES." AS REPORTED PARA ONE REFTEL, THIS PO SETS FORTH CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND INDICATES THAT UNLESS OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED BY COB THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.
- 2. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THAT THE TEXT OF PARA 5 OF THE AUTUMN FORGE PRESS RELEASE IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THE WORDING REPORTED IN PARA 1A OF REFTEL. ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 13, POLAD'S WERE RECONVENED TO RECONSIDER THE PRESS RELEASE AT THE REQUEST OF THE TURKISH REP WHOSE AUTHORITIES COULD NOT ACCEPT THE WORDS "CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES". THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SUBSTITUTE INSTEAD THE WORD, "STEPS". CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FRENCH REP TOOK THE OCCASION OF THE UNEXPECTED MEETING TO REPEAT WITH SOMEWHAT MORE INSISTENCE A POINT HE HAD MADE THE PREVIOUS DAY, THAT PARIS FOUND THE ENTIRE WORDING OF PARA 5 GRATUITOUS AND BEYOND THE COM-

PETENCE OF SACEUR, WHO OUGHT NOT, IN PARIS'S VIEW, BE MAKING PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE CHARACTER OF POLITICAL MEASURES MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE MAKING ON THEIR OWN COMPETENCE. FRENCH REP PROPOSED INSTEAD A LONG SUBSTITUTE SENTENCE WHICH WAS CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE BY THE US AND SEVERAL OTHER REPS. US REP (LEDOGAR) PROPOSED THE ADDITION OF THE WORDS "SACEUR UNDERSTANDS THAT," AS AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SATISFYING THE FRENCH OBJECTION. ON THIS BASIS, POLAD'S ONCE AGAIN RECOMMENDED THE PRESS RELEASE FOR APPROVAL.

- 3. MISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE PO AND DOES NOT INTEND TO OFFER OBJECTION UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.
- 4. BEGIN TEXT OF PO/75/99:

NOTIFICATION AND PRESS POLICY CONCERNING THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES

AS INSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF AUTUMN FORGE IN THE CONTEXT
OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES AND DISCUSSED PRESS POLICY FOR
THIS EXERCISE SERIES. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AGREED THAT,
WHILE CERTAIN MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THIS EXERCISE SERIES COME
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT, THE ALLIES
SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER NOTIFICATION OF THE OVERALL SERIES ITSELF.
HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT, WHERE APPROPRIATE, NATIONS
WOULD MAKE REFERENCE IN THEIR NOTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL
MANOEUVRES THAT SUCH MANOEUVRES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT
OF "THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES" - A CO-ORDINATED SERIES
OF REGULAR NATIONAL/MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND
POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO.

2. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED ON SOME MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE BY SACEUR ON AUTUMN FORGE AND ON THE WORDING OF A FINAL SENTENCE TO BE ADDED TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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END OF THIS DOCUMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED.

- 3. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE EXAMINED SACEUR'S PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON THE DEEP EXPRESS EXERCISE, ALSO ATTACHED, AND DID NOT OBJECT TO ITS CONTENTS.
- 4. FINALLY, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE PRESS RELEASE ON AUTUMN FORGE SHOULD BE MADE ON OR ABOUT 21ST AUGUST.
- 5. UNLESS OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 4 ABOVE, AS WELL AS THE ATTACHED TEXTS OF PRESS RELEASES FOR AUTUMN FORGE AND DEEP

EXPRESS ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE.

(SIGNED) P. PANSA CEDRONIO

THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES: 2 ANNEXES

ANNEX I TO PO/75/99

PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR THE AUTUMN FORGE 75 SERIES OF EXERCISES

1. THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A CONCEPT FOR COORDINATION OF EXERCISES WILL BE EMPLOYED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. THE CONCEPT DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY ADDITIONAL MAJOR EXERCISES TO THOSE HELD AT THIS PERIOD IN PREVIOUS YEARS. IT DOES, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZE THE COORDINATED APPROACH TO THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES, WHICH IS THE NAME GIVEN TO A SERIES OF NATO AND NATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES TAKING PLACE IN EUROPE THIS AUTUMN AND INVOLVING FORCES COMMITTED TO ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE (ACE).

2. THE BROAD OBJECTIVE OF THIS AUTUMN FORGE CONCEPT IS TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF NATO FORCES TO REACT QUICKLY, TO IMPROVE ACE STANDARDISATION AND INTEROPERABILITY, AND TO FIND WAYS, DURING AND THROUGH THESE EXERCISES TO INCREASE THE FLEXIBILITY IN EMPLOYMENT OF ACE FORCES. THE EXERCISES WILL TEST CAPABILITY QUICKLY AND ACTIVELY TO EMPLOY ACE FORCES IN AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. THEY WILL BRING TO LIGHT ANY DIFFERENCES IN DOCTRINES AND PROCEDURES WHICH NEED TO BE STANDARDISED. THE ABILITY OF COMMANDS AND NATIONS TO SUPPORT CONFIDENTIAL

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EACH OTHER LOGISTICALLY WILL BE ENHANCED. NATO PLANNERS ALSO EXPECT TO GAIN ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE LEADING TO IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS COMMAND AND CONTROL PROCEDURES.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, NATIONS WILL PURSUE THEIR VARIOUS TRAINING OBJECTIVES WITHIN INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES.

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- 4. THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES OF EXERCISES WILL COMMENCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND END EARLY IN NOVEMBER. A LARGE NUMBER OF NATO AND NATIONAL EXERCISES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES. EXAMPLES OF SUCH EXERCISES ARE: COLD FIRE, INVOLVING AIR AND LAND FORCES OF THE CENTRAL REGION; REFORGER 75, IN WHICH TROOPS ARE AIRLIFTED FROM THE UNTED STATES TO GERMANY, AND PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES WITH ALLIED FORCES; AND DEEP EXPRESS, WHERE LAND, SEA AND AIR REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE EMPLOYED IN EASTERN THRACE AND THE AEGEAN SEA.
- 5. SACEUR UNDERSTANDS THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT, WILL BE TAKEN INDIVIDUALLLY BY NATIONS INVOLVED IN THIS EXERCISE/MANOEUVRE SERIES.

ANNEX II TO PO/75/99

PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS 75

1. DEEP EXPRESS 75, A NATO EXERCISE, WILL BE HELD IN THE AEGEAN SEA AND EASTERN THREACE DURING THE PERIOD 12TH TO 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1975.

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- 2. THIS EXERCISE IS ONE OF A CO-ORDINATED SERIES OF NATO AND NATIONAL EXERCISES INCORPORATED INTO THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES OF EXERCISES, A NEW ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE (ACE) EXERCISE CONCEPT. THE BROAD OBJECTIVE OF THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES OF EXERCISES IS TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF NATO FORCES TO REACT QUICKLY, TO IMPROVE ACE STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY, AND TO FIND WAYS TO INCREASE FLEXIBILITY IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF ACE FORCES.
- 3. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF DEEP EXPRESS 75 WILL BE AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING ON THE COAST OF TURKEY SCHEDULED FOR 24TH SEPTEMBER.
- 4. THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE MOBILE FORCE (AMF) WILL FULFIL ITS ROLE AS A QUICK REACTION FORCE BY BEING AIRLIFTED INTO THE AREA, AND JOIN WITH ELEMENTS OF THE TURKISH ARMY DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE EXERCISE.
- 5. DEEP EXPRESS 75 IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF MILITARY FORCES FROM SEVEN NATIONS CONTRIUBUTING

TO THE DEFENCE OF THE STRATEGIC SOUTHERN REGION. IN ADDITION TO TURKEY, COUNTRIES WITH FORCES PARTICIPATING IN THIS ROUTINE PREPLANNED NATO EXERCISE ARE BELGIUM, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

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